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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PATENT

In re application of:

Robert T. Lyon

Group Art Unit: N/A

Serial No. Pending

Examiner: N/A

Dated: Herewith

For: USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDES

AS PRESERVATIVES IN

OPHTHALMIC PREPARATIONS,

INCLUDING SOLUTIONS, EMULSIONS,

AND SUSPENSIONS

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Date: July 13, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Before the first action in this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-80 without prejudice.